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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. PAKISTAN

PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO ANNOUNCED AN EXTENSIVE CABINET

RESHUFFLE OCTOBER 22. AZIZ AHMED RETAINED THE POS

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHILE

MOHAMMED HANIF WAS NAMED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, PLANNING AND

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, REPLACING MUBASHIR HASAN. EMBASSY

ISLAMABAD REPORTS HASAN'S STATUS IS UNCERTAIN BECAUSE HE IS

OUT OF THE COUNTRY. (UNCLASSIFIED) ISLAMABAD 9985, 10/22.

2. IDF RETENTION AGREEMENT

AMBASSADOR IRVING AND ICELANDIC FOREIGN MINISTER

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AGUSTSSON SIGNED THE ICELAND BASE AGREEMENT OCTOBER 22 IN

REYKJAVIK. THE NOTES PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE AND ARE IDENTICAL TO THE TEXTS INITIALED SEPTEMBER 26 IN WASHINGTON BY UNDER SECRETARY SISCO AND AGUSTSSON. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) REYKJAVIK 1441, 10/22.

3. CYPRUS-GREECE-TURKEY

ON OCTOBER 21, GREEK DEFENSE MINISTER AVEROFF DENIED TURKISH CLAIMS THAT GREECE IS DISPATCHING TROOPS AND WAR MATERIALS TO CYPRUS. THE MINISTER:

--ADDED THAT SOME NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS HAVE BEEN REPLACED AND THE NATIONAL GUARD WILL NOW BE STAFFED WITH FEWER OFFICERS AND ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER INTERFERED IN CYPRIOT INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

--CONCLUDED THAT THE TURKISH ALLEGATIONS ARE AIMED AT "INCREASING THE FANATICISM OF TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION OR AT THE PREPARATION OF NEW ILLICIT GOALS."

PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF THIS DENIAL, AVEROFF TOLD OUR DCM THAT:

--204 GREEK OFFICERS, ALMOST ONE-THIRD THE TOTAL, HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM CYPRUS SINCE HE BECAME DEFENSE MINISTER, AND

--NOT ALL OF THESE 204 HAVE BEEN REPLACED. (SECRET)
ATHENS 7666, 10/22. INGERSOLL

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